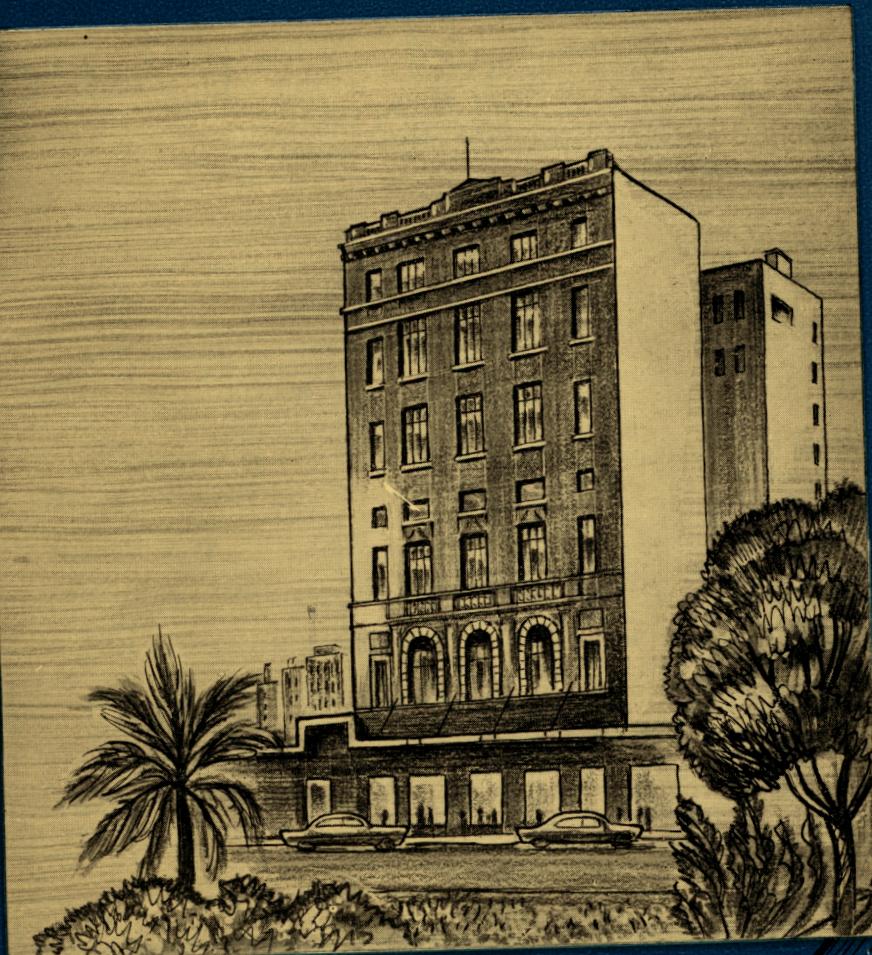




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Club Gossip

CLUB MEMBER IS CAPTAIN—A team consisting of eight players and a Manager has been selected by the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association to tour New Zealand during the month of February, following an invitation by the N.Z.L.T.A.

Club member, Mr. Jim Russell, of 21 Redmyre Road, Strathfield, has received a reward for services to tennis by his appointment to Captain Manager.

The tour will embrace both North and South Islands and the team will appear in thirteen centres, including Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Gisborne and as far south as Invercargill.

The team, four men and four women, is a young one. Its members are: Mary Mulligan (18), Bob Hewitt (19), Fred Stolle (20), and Geoff Pares (17), Jan Lehane (17), Mrs. Mary Reitano (24), Betty Holstein (19) and Noelene Turner (19). The Captain-Manager is Mr. Jim Russell, a N.S.W.L.T. Vice President.

The party will leave Sydney on Saturday, January 31st, and return on Sunday, March 1st, travelling by air.

Non-playing Captain-Manager of the team, Mr. Jim Russell is a Vice-President of the N.S.W.L.T.A. and its Honorary Publicity Officer.

Mr. Russell has been a member of the State Council for the past ten years but has been a tennis administrator since 1936, when he was Hon. Organising Secretary of the Eastern Suburbs Hardcourt Association for four years. As a playing member of the White City courts he represents the Ground Members on the N.S.W.L.T.A. In addition he is also President of the Homebush-Flemington-Strathfield Hardcourt Assn.

He was Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Davis Cup Challenge Rounds when they were held in Sydney in 1951 and 1954 and of the Interzone Finals in 1952 and 1958.

Mr. Russell is well known as a newspaper cartoonist, radio and television artist and also by his tennis writing which appears in tennis magazines in America, England, Italy and France.

He has made four world trips, three of these being assignments to cover tournaments and Davis Cup matches abroad. These were in the years 1939, 1946, 1953 and 1956, and included Wimbleton, Forest Hills, Paris, Rome, Cairo, Los Angeles and many other famous world centres.

In 1939 Mr. Russell was with the Australian team as a journalist when John Bromwich and Adrian Quist won the Davis Cup from the United States at Philadelphia as war between Germany and England was declared. In 1946 he was again sent abroad as a journalist to cover the resumption of Davis Cup play in the United States and travelled through America and to Australia with

the United States team, led by Walter Pate, which stopped off at Auckland and played at the Stanley Street courts. This team included Jack Kramer, Ted Schroeder, Gardner Mulloy and Bill Talbert, as well as Frank Parker and Tom Brown, and was successful in taking the Cup back from Australia.

In 1953 he accompanied Harry Hopman's Australian team around the world, reporting the tour for Australian papers and saw the 18-year-olds Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad win many fine victories overseas. He also covered the Queen's Coronation, the British Open Golf and the English Derby. His 1956 tour was more of a holiday, but included covering Wimbledon and Forest Hills once again.

Mr. Russell has covered 22 Davis Cup matches as a working journalist. This includes nine Challenge Rounds.

In N.S.W. tennis affairs he is a member of the Junior Development Committee and is Chairman of the Radio and Television Committee, as well as being a member of the Tournament Management Committee.

Mr. Russell is married and has a 20-year-old daughter.

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THIS DELIGHTFUL SPOT—Over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays a number of Members took their annual vacation with their wives and families.

Many found Tea Gardens, on the Myall River, just in front of Port Stephens, the ideal place.

You know the kind of place—where glamour is not everything and a man and his family can relax. He can wear his shorts and a comfortable shirt. Go fishing, go surfing, go swimming, play bowls, play snooker, drink beer in the Beer Garden.

Put on his best slacks and a nice soft shirt at night time. His wife can also join in all of this with him and the hotel just loves to have children around the place.

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QUERIES GALORE—Club Members at the spot were Bill Longworth and his wife Irene and Honey, his daughter; Sid Sernack and Nita with the four children; Vic Richards and Nancy and the three boys; Brahm Moses and Ilma with son and daughter; Johnnie Holmes and Laura; John Hind and his wife; Arthur and Linda McCamley; Jim Frame and Myrl with daughter Kerry; Les Tidmarsh with wife and family. With many other pleasant people at the hotel all had a good time.

Ask Johnny Holmes about what happened to the "ham" at the picnic trip to TAMBOY, and Brahm Moses about the Fried Fish and the knife at Nelson's Bay.

By the way Charlie Chrome and Bill Reardon with wives entertained us royally that day.

Ask Bill Longworth who caught the "Bonito" off the back of the "Viking" the day we went outside. Ask Arthur McCamley about the ride on the "Jeep Landrover" on the trip to the "Little Gibber" (watch out he does not hit you with a "Big Gibber"). Ask Vic Richards

who had the good ride in the back along the beach coming home.

Ask them all about the Snooker Tournament for two dozen bottles of beer. The winners, Bill Longworth and Jim Frame in a Black Ball finish from Gordon Goulston and a guest whose name is not known. Ask them all about the Oyster and Prawn suppers and Brahm Moses putting on Champagne because son Phillip passed his Leaving Exam.

Did we have a good time, listening to the amateurs at Night singing "Shanty Town" and "Those Old Records." I reckon we did, because we are all going back again next Christmas for sure.

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EX-BASEBALLER ILL—Mr. Bill C. Ford, a Club member of more than 20 years standing, recently suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Tarrant advises that he is progressing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Ford was formerly a crack baseball player, and his Club mates and a large circle of sporting friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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HOME AGAIN—Messrs. John V. Ratcliffe and Roger F. Bell are home after tours abroad. Both spoke highly of the quality of amenities at Club centres with which we are affiliated.

Travelling abroad now are Messrs. T. Muir, D. A. Klipper, E. J. Carroll and C. M. Rose.

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HONOURED BY THE QUEEN—The Club and its members will welcome the news of honours conferred by Her Majesty on New Year's Day on Club members.

Mr. J. G. Hurley, a member for seven years, received the C.B.E. for services to commerce and industry; Mr. H. V. Smith, 18 years a member, the O.B.E. for services to the fruit and canning industry; and Mr. M. G. Cooke, 16 years a member, the O.B.E. as General Manager, Government Insurance Office.

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CHAMPIONS FOR A SONG—A yarn with two of our oldest members in the new year turned on an interesting subject, the purchase of cheap champions.

They were Messrs. A. J. Gilder and J. Y. Black.

Their only regret was that a lifelong friend who had died in 1958, Mr. Clem Withycombe, was not there to join the conversation, because he was the buyer of two outstanding bargains.

Mr. Black has been a Club member since 1915; the late Mr. Withycombe joined a year later and Mr. Gilder was elected to membership in 1927.

The conversation turned on the purchase of Flight for 75 gns. and her 24 wins for £30,627, and Phar Lap for 160 gns., 37 wins, £66,738.

But the late Mr. Withycombe bought Australia's fastest horse of 20 years ago for 75 gns.

This was Freckles, winner of the 1942 Epsom, who established a seven furlongs record of 1.22 shortly after that success, and which still stands.

Club Gossip

(Continued)

LIKE GOLD STAKES—Our current speedster, Freckles was a horse who mustered immediate speed from the barrier, but was a better stayer, as his mile Epsom success proved.

Mr. Withycombe got £2,000, plus a fat contingency for Freckles. Not a bad turnover for a 75 guineas buy.

After winning a few races with him, Mr. Withycombe sold him to Randwick trainer Frank Dalton, who spotted what a good one he was. He was operating for millionaire owner, Mr. Norman Frazer, and it was in his colours he won the Epsom.

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BUT THIS WAS EVEN A BETTER BUY—Mr. Withycombe made his sweetest bargain when he paid 35 gns for a colt by Treclare from Bowstring in the 1929 sales. He was appropriately on breeding named Broad Arrow, and turned out to be the winner of the Sydney Cup of 1934, besides a number of other good races.

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NOT SO LUCKY—Mr. J. Y. Black all his long sporting life has paid low prices and high prices for his blood-stock, but has had the luck to pick only one good one. This was Woorawa, winner of the 1918 Rosehill Guineas.

But he doesn't complain. He loves horses and at 84 is still a keen Randwick racegoer.

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A NATIONAL WINNER—FREE—Mr. Gilder was at the other end of the stick when he gave away one of the best horses he was associated with.

Mr. Gilder was a buyer of blood-stock for anyone, anywhere.

He began racing his own horses when he was 16, and soon became an internationally known stock buyer.

He handled all sorts for the East of all sizes and shapes and drove a thriving trade, sending them to India, the Straits and many other places for racing. He had a good eye for a horse, so good that he never got a dissatisfied customer, and his buys continued to win at the far ends of the Earth.

Still in his early manhood he picked up what he considered a racing bargain at £20, so he decided to keep the horse. He was by Associate, so he named him Confederate.

But he proved the slowest galloper he ever handled. In fact he could barely gallop at all.

In disgust he gave him away to a friend named A. L. Wright, who soon concluded that Mr. Gilder must be an enemy to push such a slow horse on to him.

However, an old-time trainer, Justin Curr, persevered with him and eventually made a great jumper of him and he won the 1909 Caulfield Grand National, a four mile steeplechase which later became known as the Australian Steeplechase.

A £10 BARGAIN—Years later he acquired Strawberry Leaf, winner of five English races, for a "tenner," mated her with Kenilford, sire of the mighty stayer Kennaquahair, and bred a mare named Golden Lily.

Sent to a sire of sprinters named The Verderer, she produced a colt named after the Victorian district where Mr. Gilder was born, Gippsland.

Contrary to his breeding, Gippsland won numerous long distance races.

But he was unlucky in important contests.

He was third to an out-and-out champion, Rogilla, and Nord in the 1933 Sydney Cup.

The next year his great friend, Clem Withycombe, beat Gippsland into second place in the 1934 Sydney Cup.

Gippsland was also third in the 1934 Australian Cup to Heroic Prince and Peter Jackson, and was fifth in Peter Pan's 1934 Melbourne Cup.

So he got near the money in all Australia's chief long distance races.

Mr. Gilder, aged 89, carries his age so well that you'd guess he is well below the six score years and ten span.

He is a regular Club patron who likes to discuss racing of recent and ancient vintage.

He is equally proficient on either and ranks among the most knowledgeable experts on bloodstock horses, their racing and their breeding.

It is a pleasure which many find entertaining either old or young to discuss the many facets of the turf with Mr. Gilder.

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A WORLD'S RECORD OF RIDING AND TRAINING

Maurice McCarten's Chelmsford Feat

ONE of these days when Tattersall's Club is in a celebrating mood it should hand an Oscar to Maurice McCarten.

He is a first flight trainer, and a popular member of Tattersall's, who has an enviable record of success in important events both as jockey, then trainer.

To ride five winners of an important race, and then retire to train four more winners of the same race sounds like a world's record.

This is the achievement of Maurice McCarten in our main weight-for-age race, the Chelmsford Stakes.

Run early in September, when the Spring is still young, it has always been and still is one of Australia's most important guides to the important handicaps at Randwick and Caulfield and Melbourne Cups and the Derbies.

McCarten's winning rides were on Limerick in 1926, 1927, 1928, on Gold Rod in 1936, and on Mala in 1937.

His successes as a trainer were with Delta in 1950, 1951, 1952, and with Prince Courtauld in 1954.

A veteran, Dan Lewis, between 1929 and 1947 trained five winners of the Sydney Cup, Crucis, Akuna, Contact, I'Aiglon and Proctor.

Dan had no record as a jockey so he could not match Maurice McCarten's double feat.

Neither could Fred Williams, although he was a good jockey, but only on the pony courses before he took up training.

Then his best training achievement was in the Epsom, which he won five times between 1920 and 1933 with Greenstead, Claro, Vaals, and Chatham twice.

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A "SUCCESS" STORY OF C. H. DODDS

Office Boy to Managing Director

MR. C. H. DODDS, who was the subject of an interesting "Daily Telegraph" "success" story on January 9, has been a member of Tattersall's Club for 20 years.

He has been 50 years with the leather firm of Farleigh Nettheim Proprietary Ltd.

He rose from a 5/- a week office boy to Managing Director, and is still going strong.

Mr. Dodds is a daily visitor to Tattersall's Club where he enjoys the company of a large circle of friends.

He plays golf with Concord, but that is the limit of his distractions.

He confesses that his job is his hobby.

Farleigh Nettheim Proprietary Ltd. is a unit of Associated Leathers. He

joined in 1909 and after promotion to ever higher posts became Managing Director in 1943.

He says: "My friends and associates jokingly claim that I should not boast about having started work at 5/- a week because that might have been all I was worth.

"Anyhow I have always liked my

work, and consequently it became a complete hobby for me.

"I once put in quite a lot of work on the Young Men's Institute of Enfield, but apart from that golf is my only distraction with the exception of overseas travel.

"I do a lot of this for my firm, including trips to U.K. and the Far East and other world trade centres.

"I am content with my way of life because it gives me a lot of pleasure, concentration, and satisfaction with a job well done."

At 65 years Mr. Dodds enjoys good health and is as keen, active and bright-of-eye as a man half his age.

Throughout his business career he never turned his back on hard work and thought nothing of putting in a Saturday or week-end in concentrating on the job when duty required.

His lunch-time associates at Tattersall's always enjoy the interlude because his outlook on affairs always conjures up a bright air.



Mr. C. H. Dodds on the job.

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THE SPRING STARS TO SHINE AGAIN

In Important Autumn Contests

PROSPECTS look bright for the return to form of Spring champions, including the A.J.C. Derby winner, Skyline; Maribyrnong Plate winner, Fine and Dandy; Rosehill Guineas winner, Bold Pilot; Canterbury Guineas winner, Prince Kerdieil.

They are getting ready for important events.

All have developed in quality and maturity during their Summer spells.

Skyline showed great brilliance in his successes in the Golden Slipper and the Hill Stakes, both at Rosehill.

In the Derby his courage and stamina were revealed when he led from start to finish over the 1½ miles.

He should develop a high standard of form in the Autumn and its approaching races.

His former speed has been revealed in bright track sprints.

The Guineas winners, Bold Pilot and Prince Kerdieil, have developed into stout three-year-olds with good prospects for the future.

Prince Kerdieil finished third in the Derby to Skyline and Sir Blink, but his form points to development at least of excellent mile ability.

He has unlimited speed and plenty of courage in a tight finish.

Bold Pilot can be regarded as an out and out stayer.

After winning the Rosehill Guineas over 1½ miles he developed lameness, which put him out of action after his Derby run.

He has had a long spell since and his trainer, Tom Smith, hopes that he will remain sound for the long-distance Autumn events, which include the Sydney Cup.

Fine and Dandy is the most outstanding two-year-old on the turf horizon.

He might rate even as high as Tulloch and Todman.

He missed the Breeders' Plate narrowly through a check in running, but brilliantly won the Canonbury at Randwick and the Maribyrnong Plate at Flemington.

He has developed into a magnificent colt.

He is by Star Kingdom from Shading, a mare who possessed sound race form in wins and minor places in events for three-year-old fillies.



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FROM THE TOP DRAWER

Winners of Our Double— The Carrington and Cup

HUNTLY had a well-deserved win in our Carrington Stakes at Randwick on December 27 after a close second to Turkestan in the Epsom and third to Caesar and Grenoble in the Villiers.

It was quite an achievement to make a come-back to six furlong sprinting after these mile placings.

In winning Tattersall's Club Cup, Caesar was also responsible for an unusually high standard.

He completed a double rarely seen, success in the mile Villiers and mile and a half Tattersall's Cup.

Empire Link won the double two years ago with 8.10 and 9.0.

Caesar revealed himself as a top drawer racehorse when he carried near these weights in the double, 8.8 and 9.0.

Empire Link subsequently earned increasing honour when he won the Queen Elizabeth Stakes, weight-for-age, over 1½ miles, beating Redcraze.

Still another distinction awaited him. He was recently purchased as a stud stallion for America.

In 1920 a mare named Fluency, trained by the late Bill Booth, won the Villiers and Tattersall's Cup double.

The wins of both Huntly and Caesar brought credit to members of our Club.

Huntly is owned by Mr. M. R. Campbell, who joined last year, and Caesar by Mr. W. F. Buchanan, who has been a Club member for 20 years.

Both were fit and well trained for the Carrington and Cup double by Maurice McCarten and Tom J. Smith.

Huntly has been a consistently good performer with four wins, three seconds and two thirds for his last nine starts.

Mr. M. R. Campbell, who races Huntly, had another good sprinter a few years ago, 1953 Epsom winner, Silver Phantom, who made a new Australasian mile record, 1.34½.

It would not surprise to see Huntly get close to Silver Phantom's standard.

He has speed, plus determination, and is one of the most honest performers we have on the turf just now.

Maurice McCarten has done a fine job in bringing him up to current standard because he has been difficult to get fit and then difficult to keep at his top.

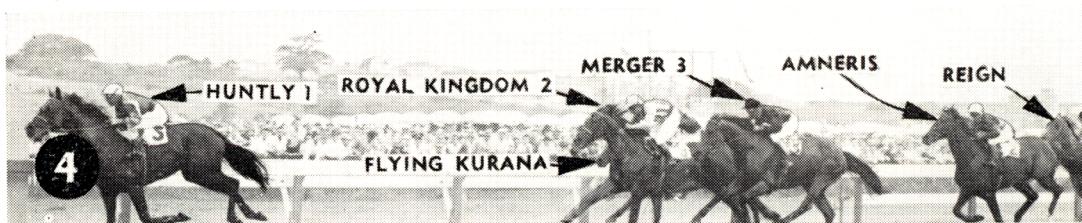
He needs frequent little breaks, and for that reason has had only ten runs in the current season.



A close-up of Huntly shows the blinkers he wore when showing the best form of his career in his Carrington win.

mile to finally score going away by three lengths from Royal Kingdom, with Merger third.

Tattersall's Cup winner, Caesar, is a horse of a different colour who possesses the heart and constitution of a lion.



Huntly winning the Carrington Stakes at Randwick on December 28.

HUNTLY AND CAESAR

During the Spring he raced in all the important races, including the Epsom, Metropolitan, Caulfield Cup and Moonee Valley Cup.

He finished the Melbourne Cup carnival with a win in the mile and a half Veteran Stakes and a second in the mile and three-quarters V.R.C. Handicap.

Yet inside a month he was capable of a third in a six furlongs Canterbury Flying to Cornelius and Mighty Kingdom.

At his next start he came from seventh to win the Villiers by a length from two good horses, Grenoble and Huntly.

His Tattersall's Cup win for a horse with top weight, 9.0, was most impressive.

He was last with the second favourite, Compass, in earlier stages. Then Geo. Moore made a quick move to be second at the half-mile, and was in the lead soon after straightening up for the run home.

Giving rivals no chance at all, he went on to a hollow victory by six lengths.

His win burst the bubble of Compass' near invincibility with five wins from six starts.

Caesar beat him in very cavalier fashion.

Form certainly commands Caesar for the Oscar for most versatile performer of the spring and midsummer racing.

Mr. J. T. Smith has already planned his next step for Caesar.

He is to contest the seven furlongs Futurity at Caulfield on February 28.

Caesar is a somewhat undersized thoroughbred, lean and spare, but performance reveals him as "all horse", and now that he has struck his real gait he is likely to blossom out as a performer right above average.



Caesar returning to scale after a runaway win in Tattersall's Cup at Randwick on January 1.

T. J. SMITH'S £27,500 FOR N.Z. YEARLINGS

Club member, T. J. Smith, bought £27,500 worth of yearlings at the National New Zealand sales in January.

It is thought this a record for an aggregate Australian purchase for one stable.

He paid this big sum for 18 yearlings, and this number, too, is considered a record for any Australian individual trainer operating for owner-clients.

The highest price paid was 2,300 gns. for a colt by a new sire from England, Alpenhorn.

He went for four of the stock of Khorassan, sire of his champion, Tulloch.

The lowest price he paid for one of these was 400 gns.

He got Tulloch for 750 guineas and passed him on to Mr. E. A. Haley.

Mr. Smith said he thought the New Zealand sales represented a favourable market for buyers.

"The young stock was excellent, and much below the prices I expected purchasers would have to pay," he commented.

GREAT CHELMSFORD RECORD FOR MAURICE McCARTEN

Trebles with Limerick and Delta

CONTINUING the exciting history of our chief race, the Chelmsford Stakes, a notable phase is the predominating success of New Zealand horses.

Since they began sending horses regularly 40 years ago for this and other weight-for-age races 17 New Zealand bred cracks have won it.

And all have been good.

One of them, Limerick, won the race three times and, although not as good as Gloaming or Phar Lap, he was a horse of outstanding ability and possessed the courage of a lion.

While on the subject of Chelmsford success we should mention the human element.

Maurice McCarten rode five winners and trained four winners of the race, a record surely to give pride to any man of the turf.

But what was even better was that in this great weight-for-age contest he achieved a treble as a jockey and another treble as a trainer.

He was in the saddle for three wins on Limerick.

As a trainer he turned out Delta for his three successes.

His riding successes were on Limerick three times, and Gold Rod and Mala.

His training successes were with Delta three times and Prince Cortauld.

New Zealand horses began to arrive fairly regularly for the Chelmsford from 1916.

The Dominion's winners from that year were:

- 1916—Sasanof, three years.
- 1918—Gloaming, three.
- 1923—Rapine, four.
- 1926—Limerick, three.
- 1927—Limerick, four.
- 1928—Limerick, five.
- 1930—Phar Lap, four.
- 1931—Ammon Ra, three.
- 1932—Gaine Carrington, three.
- 1936—Gold Rod, three.
- 1937—Mala, four.
- 1938—Royal Chief, four.
- 1939—Defaulter, four.
- 1940—Beaulivre, four.
- 1941—Beau Vite, five.
- 1945—Sleepy Fox, six.
- 1954—Prince Cortauld, four.

They were, almost without exception, a great lot of horses.

Sasanof went on to success in the Melbourne Cup as a three-year-old, and later a New Zealand Cup.

Gloaming won 56 races after his Chelmsford success, all against the best Australia and New Zealand could produce.

Rapine was a crack stayer, winner of our Cumberland and A.J.C. Plate over 2½ and three miles.

Phar Lap became an all time champion.

Ammon Ra won the Sydney Derby, the Caulfield Futurity and many other good races.

Gaine Carrington advanced to Caulfield Cup success and was placed in a Melbourne Cup.

Gold Rod proved one of our best sprinters, with an Epsom success with 9.3 and a Doncaster with 9.2.

Royal Chief followed his Chelmsford win with success in the Metropolitan.

Defaulter was New Zealand's most brilliant stayer.

Beaulivre won the Doomben and Caulfield Cups besides many important weight-for-age events.

Beau Vite was successful in the Metropolitan and an Auckland Cup, and won 31 races in all.

Sleepy Fox was a mighty sprinter and weight carrier who raced successfully until nine years old.

Prince Cortauld had 25 wins and earned £55,000 in prize money, and ultimately went on to success in America.

But to revert to Limerick and his wins.

He was out in an exceptionally good year, and beat a champion, Windbag, in his first year 1926. Windbag went on to Melbourne Cup and many other triumphs.

Rampion proved too good for Limerick in the Derbies, but he was a very sick and sorry colt at three years, and so sore that it was a wonder he ever come up again, but he ran second in

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the Sydney Cup as a three-year-old to Piastoon with 8.4 and as a four-year-old second in the Metropolitan with 9.5 on a muddy track to Murillo.

Limerick had 29 wins in all, including important weight-for-age races here and in N.Z. worth £38,729.

He beat only a moderate field in his second Chelmsford in 1927, but in his third success a year later he carried 9.8, gave Sydney Cup winner Winalot a pound and a length beating.

He was a real hoodoo on Winalot in that season for besides the Chelmsford he beat him in the Warwick Stakes, Spring Stakes and Autumn Stakes.

Limerick was a courageous stayer who would measure up to our best present day standard—the sort of horse you would like to have in your back-yard in the current dearth of stayers.



Maurice McCarten, the Chelmsford master-hand, with five wins as a jockey and four as a trainer.

Bowling Notes

December was a quiet month for bowlers as all organised games were suspended till January 15.

The big news was that two of our players gained State honours to represent New South Wales against Victoria in Melbourne.

Congratulations to Sam Peters on his initial game for N.S.W. although he had previously represented in metropolitan teams. No doubt Sam's only regret

was that the event was not held a week earlier so as he would have missed "Black Saturday" at Randwick.

This was on January 17, when for seven races the betting tally was five winning favourites and two second favourites. But small mercies must be appreciated as he missed the twilight meeting and so saved something more than his expenses for the Melbourne games.

It was no new experience for our other representative in Harold Hill.

Harold, fresh from a singles victory in the "Turn of the Year" Singles Championship, was chosen as skip in a N.S.W. team in Melbourne. Once again, congratulations to two fine players and sportsmen.

Back to Double Bay on January 15. Only a few players, but all had an enjoyable day.

A good field for January 22, numbering 26 players, turned up, but heavy rain at 1 p.m. made play impossible.

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SWIMMERS MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

Roy Dawkins took the month's swimming honours with a splendid win in the December-January Point Score, notching three wins in finals and a third in a heat.

Dawkins has been in rare form recently and joined the back markers with a 22.2 swim, which put him back a second on handicaps.

Maybe Sid Sernack can be accounted a bit unlucky as he ended up only 3½ points behind the winner and missed one race whilst he was on holidays.

Geoff Shaw retained his good form and filled third place, and has a handy lead of 2½ points in the "Native Son" contest over consistent Ken Glass, who recently lost a second from his handicap.

The Christmas Scramble Festivities were, as usual, a great success, the 13 men a side teams' race providing the first clash of the season between Bill Kendall and David Emanuel.

They were last men off for their teams with Bill giving David a start. It was a great go, but the latter carried too many guns and stalled Bill to give his team victory and the Christmas cheer that went to the winners.

Forty-one members participated in the events and the array of festive prizes was even better than ever.

For these the Swimming Club gives thanks to the donors who made the array possible. Pool habitues were to the fore in the donations, and we also have to thank the following who we see all too seldom in the pool: Messrs. K. Ranger, E. Vandenberg, S. Peters, E. W. Russell, G. Fienberg, J. Hackett, K. Williams, E. A. Davis, J. Muir, A. G. Connolly, W. Waterhouse, J. Green, I. Jacoby, A. J. Castin, I. Stanford and D. Wilson.

In the popular Consolation Handicap, six times across, the favourite, George Goldie, could only fill fourth place in a thriller which saw turn expert Carl Phillips win from scratch from Leigh Bowes and Harry Bate.

At the conclusion of the racing and presentations Secretary Jack Dexter passed the season's greetings from the Club officials to all present and Fred Daly, M.H.R., and Arthur McCamley did the honours for members to the "Gestapo."

Congratulations to Keith Longworth on the birth of a son. It certainly bucked Keith up no end and we'd take a shade of odds that it won't be long before he loses the second handicap recently handed out to him.

Whilst on the congratulatory side, here's a pat on the back to Arthur McCamley on seeing his colt Ramazan land the money at Tattersall's meeting. Seems that all the pool boys had a few bob on it, and though the price was short, any price is a good one on a winner.

Glad to see Ken Francis back after a grand trip abroad, looking better than ever, and to see Dick Dowling, Ernie and Bill Phillips in action again.

Welcome, too, to new member Norm Gulson!

There was great joy in the camp when Handicapper Jack Gunton handed out extra handicaps to Leigh and Col Bowes, Max Sernack, Allan Ball, Fred Harvie and Les Bear. Jim Comans wants to know what he's done and Fred Daly is bringing the matter up in the House.

On the other side, Jack docked Max Burnham, Roy Dawkins, Trevor Barrell and Ken Glass, so it all works out evenly.

Best times since the last Magazine issue were 12.2 by Keith Longworth, 21.6 by Allan Ball and 21.8 by Leigh Bowes.

Results

16th December: 80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap—1st Division Final: J. C. Brice and R. Dawkins (24) 1, S. Murray and K. Longworth (22) 2, G. Boulton and W. Kendall (45) 3. Time, 46 secs. 2nd Division Final: G. Goldie and S. Sernack (24) 1, J. Shaffran and D. Emanuel (43) 2, B. Chiene and M. Burnham (53) 3. Time, 59.9 secs.

23rd December: 520 yards Christmas Scramble Teams Race—D. Emanuel's team 1, W. Kendall's team 2, C. B. Phillips' team . 3 Time, 5 mins 44.8 secs. Consolation Handicap, 6 times across—C. B. Phillips (20) 1, F. L. Bowes (22) 2, H. Bate (30) 3, G. Goldie (38) 4.

6th January: 40 Yards Handicap—1st Division Final: A. Abernethy (27) 1, N. Barrell (24) 2, A. Ball (22) 3. Time, 26.9 secs. 2nd Division Final: R. Dawkins (24) 1, T. Barrell (27) 2, M. Burnham (28) 3. Time, 22.2 secs. 3rd Division Final: K. Glass (25) 1, H. Herman (28) 2, K. Longworth (22) 3. Time, 23.8 secs.

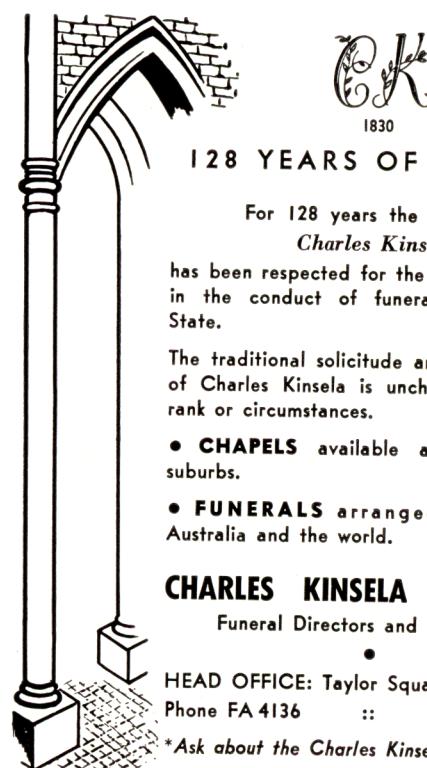
13th January: 80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap—Final: S. Sernack and C. L. Bear (49) 1, S. Murray and J. Maunsell (52) 2, E. D. Shaw and M. Sernack (48) 3. Time, 46.8 secs.

December-January Point Score

Result: R. Dawkins 26 points, 1; K. Longworth, 23½, 2; S. Sernack, 22½, 3; E. D. Shaw, 21, 4; M. Burnham, 20, 5; J. Maunsell, 19½, 6; K. Glass, 18½, 7; F. L. Bowes, 18, 8; H. Herman, 17½, 9; P. Lindsay and C. L. Bear, 17, 10; R. Corrick, 16½, 12; J. Shaffran, 16, 13; S. Murray, 15½, 14; A. Ball, 15, 15; J. Comans, C. Godhard and S. Kay, 14, 16.

"Native Son" 1958-9 Point Score

On 15th January the leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, were: E. D. Shaw 67½, K. Glass 65, P. Lindsay 58½, H. Herman 56½, C. Godhard 54, R. Dawkins 52, S. Sernack 51½, K. Longworth 51, T. Abernethy 49½, G. Goldie 49, S. Murray 48½, J. Comans 45, C. L. Bear 44, J. Shaffran 43, H. Bate 42½, F. L. Bowes 41½, R. Corrick 40, W. Kendall 39, S. Kay 38, F. Harvie 36½.



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Handball

Club Championship.

To open the 1959 season, the handball committee issued the new handicaps and graded the players into A, B and C Grades. The 1959 handicaps are:—

"A" GRADE

E. E. Davis	.....	—5
Bruce Partridge	.....	—5
George McGilvray	.....	—5
Tom Abernethy	.....	+4
Viv. Thicknesse	.....	+7
Ralph Davies	.....	+7
John Dexter	.....	+8
M. Doherty	.....	+8
Peter Lindsay	.....	+10
M. Sellen	.....	+10
Clarrie Woodfield	.....	+11
Peter Williams	.....	+11
Geoff Eastment	.....	+12
Malcolm Fuller	.....	+12
Bill Kirwan	.....	+12
Bill Hannan	.....	+12

"B" GRADE

Zade Lazarus	.....	+15
Andy McGill	.....	+15
Eric Thompson	.....	+16
Neil Barrell	.....	+16
Ken Francis	.....	+18
Bob Lipman	.....	+20
Bob Adams	.....	+20
Sid Kay	.....	+20
John Shaffran	.....	+21

"C" GRADE

Gordon Boulton	.....	+22
Collin Bowes	.....	+22
John Brice	.....	+22
Leigh Bowes	.....	+22
Keith Longworth	.....	+23
Ron Spencer	.....	+23
Trevor Barrell	.....	+23
Max Sernack	.....	+23
Col Chatterton	.....	+25
Carl Phillips	.....	+25
George Goldie	.....	+26
Ernie Phillips	.....	+26
Cuth Godhard	.....	+26
Graham Cole	.....	+26
Geoff Laforest	.....	+26
Bruce Chiene	.....	+26
Ken Glass	.....	+26
Fred Daly	.....	+27
Jim Comans	.....	+27
Les Bear	.....	+28
Phillip Shaffran	.....	+28
Bill Phillips	.....	+28

Well, there they are, fellows! We know that everybody reckons that he should have at least 3 to 5 strokes more, but the poor old handicapper has done his best and you will be surprised how right he is before the year ends.

Looking the field over, I would not like to tip a winner in any grade, especially "B" and "C" Grades. I have never seen such evenly matched players. I am certain that you could get different results from the same players matched together day after day.

Best of luck to all and may the best man win.

Draw for Club Championships, 1959:

"A" GRADE — ROUND 1

E. E. Davies	v	M. J. Doherty
M. Sellen	v	W. W. Kirwan
G. McGilvray	v	R. W. Davies
G. Eastment	v	P. Williams
M. Fuller	v	V. Thicknesse
P. B. Lindsay	v	W. M. Hannan
J. O. Dexter	v	T. Abernethy
C. H. Woodfield	v	B. Partridge

"B" GRADE — ROUND 1

Z. Lazarus	v	Neil Barrell
R. Lipman	v	J. Shaffran
B. Adams	v	S. Kay
E. Thompson	v	A. McGill

"C" GRADE — ROUND 1

Col Bowes	v	C. Goddard
K. Longworth	v	G. Laforest
Max Sernack	v	J. V. Comans
K. Glass	v	P. Shaffran
W. B. Phillips	v	F. M. Daly
Carl Phillips	v	Trevor Barrell
G. Cole	v	R. Spencer
Leigh Bowes	v	George Goldie

Gordon Boulton, Col Chatterton, Ernie Phillips, Bruce Chiene, Les Bear, John Brice all have byes to the second round.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

The handball committee is anxious to get these competitions started, and it is up to you to arrange to play as soon as possible. The committee realise that during the hot, humid weather the competitors are reluctant to get started. However, it is not hot every day and we are sure that some of the games can be played soon.

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